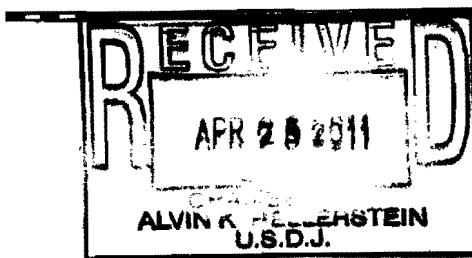


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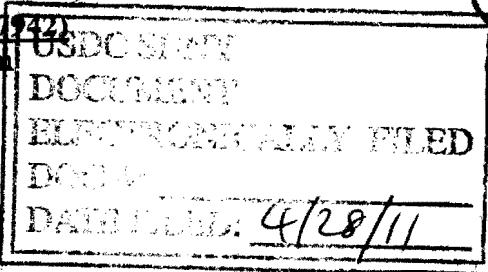


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*Ordered
4/28/11
Arnold C. Hellerstein*

Re: Sovereign Bank v. Northern Leasing Systems, Inc.
Case No. 10 Civ. 5530 (AKH)

Dear Judge Hellerstein:

This office represents Defendant in the above-referenced action.

By endorsement on the parties' March 30, 2011 request for an adjournment of the oral argument of Plaintiff's motion for summary judgment, your Honor dismissed the action due to the settlement discussions between the parties "subject to restoration by either party within thirty (30) days, on notice." Thirty (30) days from the date of your dismissal is April 29, 2011.

I am writing with the consent of counsel for Plaintiff to request an additional forty-five (45) day period within which to seek restoration of the case. Although the settlement discussions have been ongoing, and progress is being made, we have not yet reached a settlement, and we will not have a finalized settlement by April 29, 2011. We do not think it would be to any party's benefit to restore the case and the motion to the calendar at this point, and thus are requesting the additional time. I note as well that my colleague, Arnold Bressler, Esq., who has been actively involved with settlement discussions on behalf of Defendant, suffered the death of a family member last week, and has been, and will be, unavailable, for the coming week.

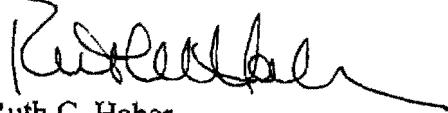
Accordingly, we respectfully request that your Honor extend the time within which either party may seek to restore the action for an additional forty-five (45) days.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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